

***Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside***

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, Amesbury Street, the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Kinnaird Street, and Flag Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Erie Street.



Memorial Drive/Lower Cambridgeport

The Cambridgeport/Riverside business district was hit with a series of late-night gas stations robberies in 2001. An arrest was made in that series of crimes and the pattern eradicated. After a 25-month hiatus, a **commercial robbery** was finally recorded in this business area when a Memorial Drive gas station was robbed at knifepoint in late October. There have been only four commercial robberies in Business District #5 since the summer of 2001.

- Historically, **shoplifting** has never been a problem in this area. For the second consecutive year, internal security measures at major retailers along Memorial Drive have been successful in thwarting the development of any boosting patterns.
- Professional pickpockets seldom work the restaurants and hotels in this area. The majority of the seven **larcenies from persons** in 2003 in this area involved the theft of unattended purses in shopping carts.
- For the second consecutive year, there were only four **commercial breaks** registered in the Memorial Drive business district. There has not been a commercial burglary pattern in this area since the arrest of two professional burglars who were targeting construction sites in lower Cambridgeport in 1997.
- **Larcenies from buildings** declined by 36% in Business District # 5 in 2003. The majority of this drop in thefts can be attributed to a marked decrease in property being stolen from hotel rooms and health clubs. Offices in the 600 block of Memorial Drive are susceptible to laptop thefts on weekdays during the lunch hours.

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Larceny from Building	30	29	35	25	16
Larceny from Person	2	5	11	11	7
Commercial Burglary	9	2	12	4	4
Commercial Robbery	1	2	3	0	1
Shoplifting	9	18	30	11	10
Fraud/Flim	17	8	16	23	22
Flam/Counterfeiting					